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LEGION TO PURCHASE LYCEUM

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH JAMES QUIRK.

BENEFITS TOWN

The members of Bucktail Post, No. 158, American Legion held a meeting Monday evening at the hose house at which it was voted to buy the lyceum from Jas. Quirk for $2500. A committee composed of W. E. Ostrander, E. G. Potter and Frank Fay, was appointed to attend to the matter.

The Legion propose to give the building a complete overhauling, plaster the walls and replace broken chairs, and put it in such shape that they may secure a revenue from it from dances, shows etc. It is hoped too, in time, that a gymnasium which is so badly needed in town may be installed.

Fred Harriman has offered to plaster the place free of charge, if other members will provide the plaster, and no doubt a great deal of the repairing will be done by the Legion members.

RURAL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Smethport, Pa., on March 29, 1924, to fill the position of rural carrier at Eldred, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from that post office. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard daily wagon route of 24 miles is $1800 per annum, with an additional $36 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 24 miles. The salary on motor routes ranges from $2,450 to $2,600 per annum, according to the length. Separate examinations for motor routes and wagon routes are no longer held. Appointments to both positions will be made from the same register. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of the post office where the vacancy exists and who meet the other requirements set forth in form 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination. The appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Women will not be considered for rural carrier appointment unless they are the widows of U. S. soldiers, sailors, or marines, or the wives of U. S. soldiers, sailors, or marines who are physically disqualified for examination by reason of injuries received in the line of military duty. Form 1977 and application blanks may be obtained from the vacancy office named above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practicable date. At the examination applicants must furnish unmounted photographs of themselves taken within two years.

NEW DRIVERS' EXAMS START TODAY

Harrisburg, March 1.—Examinations of applicants for driver's licenses began in Pennsylvania this morning, being held in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

On Monday examinations will be held at Brookville, Butler, Carlisle, Clearfield, Coudersport, Erie, Franklin Gettysburg, Greensburg, Huntington, Johnstown, Lancaster, Lock Haven, Milford, Montrose, Reading, Somerset, Towanda and Uniontown. Examinations will be held in Warren, March 7; in Smethport, March 8; and in Bradford March 21, according to the schedule issued Feb. 8.

Indications are that within the next two weeks 10,000 persons will undergo the examination for drivers' licenses; and, according to Benjamin G. Eyton, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, this shows that heretofore a great number have been operating motor vehicles without licenses.

Examinations will be held between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. The Department recently issued a schedule covering examination

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POLLOCK-COMES.

At Eleven o'clock on Thursday February 28th at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Harris of Albion, N. Y., occurred the marriage of Miss Christel Comes only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton D. Comes of Smethport, Pa., to Mr. Arthur Thomas Pollock of Eldred, Pa. The attendants were Mr. Ernest Gueridon Potter of Smethport, Pa., and Mr. Ernest Comes of Smethport, brother of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. A. Harris former pastor of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony a four course luncheon was served, the decorations were pink and white.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton D. Comes and Miss Alma E. Pollock, of Eldred were present at the ceremony. After the luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Pollock left on the 12.50 train for an extended trip including Buffalo Chicago and Los Angeles, Calif.

The bride is one of Smethports most charming and popular girls. She is a gradnate of Smethport high school, and also studied at Syracuse University. She has been active in the M. E. Church, Eastern Star, Camp Fire and other organizations to which she belongs.

The groom is a well known Eldred man, who has large oil interests near there. Following a two months' bridal trip the young couple will reside near Eldred. The Miner with a host of friends extends hearty congratulations.

DENNING'S MEAT MARKET CHANGES HANDS

Monday, March 3d Geo. Hayes of North Warren, Albert Cleveland and Lloyd Kohn of this place purchased the Geo. Denning meat market, and took possession. Mr. Hayes has held the position of assistant superintendent in the North Warren Asylum for the insane for a number of years. He and his family will soon make their residence here. The other owners are well known local men. Mr. Kohn having worked in the market for years. The market is one of the most thriving business places of the town, and no doubt will continue to be so. Mr. Denning the former owner, is retiring because of poor health.

GRADE PLAY A GREAT SUCCESS

The operetta "The Golden Apple" given in the court house Thursday evening by the pupils of the grammar grades of the Smethport schools was a great success from both an artistic and financial standpoint. The children from the tiny tots up to and including the eighth graders, were well trained, and letter perfect in their parts. The pretty costumes of the performers added much to the beauty of the production. All of the soloists had unusually sweet voices, and won much applause.

The high school orchestra furnished several very pleasing numbers for the occasion.

Mis. Catherine Schoch, teacher of music and drawing in the Smethport school directed the performances, also the orchestra, and she deserves a great deal of credit for the success of the play.

A substantial sum was realized for the Parent-Teachers Assn.

COW TESTING ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED FOR HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.

The county farm bureau agent, P. S. Crossman met with the Hamilton township farmers at the home of Andrew Linquist yesterday to help organize their T. B. test campaign. The township was districted in charge of the following committee: Chas. Wenstrom, Ludlow; Chas Nystrom and John Jackson, Wetmore; Andrew Linquist, Wetmore road; C. B. Matson and Nels Marionson, Gibbs Hill, and Morrison road; John Hazzard Kinzua road. Health officer C. W. Persing will have charge of the signing up of all cow owners in the borough for the test.—Kane, March 4.

COOKED FOOD SALE.

The Ladies of the Swedish Mission church will give a cooked food Sale Saturday, March 8 at 2:30 at Hallstrom Brothers' Store.

BOROUGH TREASURER TO GET 2 PERCENT ON ALL BORO FUNDS

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held Monday evening March 3d at the hose house. The members present were: Lindholm, Hackett, Abbey, Shattuck, Karlen, Freeman, Burgess D. M. Brasted and solicitor T. H. Morrison were also present.

The following bills were read:

M. P. O'Brien, Police Duty $85.00
R. C. Gleason, Drivers License and health officer $6.50
Keystone Power Corp. Electric current $261.95
Bell Telephone Co., telephone $3.53
Chas Larson, team work $4.00
Fred Wessler, team work $4.00
L. D. Gifford, Labor $8.00
R. C. Rice, Labor $32.00
J. Hallstrom, St. Comm. $90.00
E. W. Strong, plumbing $3.00
Hallstrom Bros. supplies $10.02
Service Garage Co. supplies $6.65
Rochester Elec. Supply Co., supplies $7.92
Smethport Gas Co., gas $5.94
Smethport Gas Co., gas $9.82
Seth Norman, salary $225.23
F. B. Bisbee, salary $30.60
T. H. Morrison, labor $12.50
S. L. Fry, labor $5.40

Moved and carried that bills be paid as read.

The following receipts were reported:

D. M. Brasted, license $6.25
R. C. Gleason, said $2.00
R. E. Burdick, donations from East Smethport $20.00

Letter, were received from the P. S. & N and Atlantic Refining Co., read.

Letter from J. A. Nellis resigning as councilman, read.

Moved and seconded and carried that resignation be laid on table *until next meeting.*

Whereas there has been a misunderstanding between the Borough Council and the Borough Treasurer as to resolution passed January 7th, fixing compensation of Borough Treasurer and agreeably to the Borough Treasurer, it was moved and seconded that resolution be substituted therefore viz: that the Borough Treasurer receive a compensation for the year 1924 of 2 % on all funds, general Electric and special boro. received and paid out by said officer during the year 1924. Carried.

Moved, recorded and carried that John Saulpaugh be allowed to put in pump on Main street for gasoline in connection with sales room under the direction of street commissioner.

Moved, seconded, and carried that Smethport Fire Department be paid $300 on annual appropriation.

FUNDS FOR MOTORIZING FIRE ENGINE.

List of persons and amounts subscribed and paid into the fund for Motorizing Fire Engine through the East Smethport Association.

C. C. Stulk	5.00
G. C. Douglass	10.00
Jennie M. Chase	5.00
Henry Peterson	5.00
A. L. Mencer	5.00
Andrew Jacobson	5.00
Kearing Twp. School Dist.	5.00
Kearing Twp. Road Dist.	5.00
W. L. Burdick	5.00
Mrs. Rosie Pratt	5.00
George Fitch	5.00
Amelia Schoonmaker	5.00
E. L. Thornton	5.00
Geo. Sleubert	5.00
Tony Anderson	5.00
Carl Ohlin	5.00
Elias Smith	5.00
Henry Melavish	5.00
Carl Tanner	5.00
G. W. King	5.00
Thomas Arthur	5.00
Fred Ferrazzi	5.00
John Yoder	5.00
Total	$125.00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. J. W. Cooper opened the revival Campaign at the Baptist church Sunday March 2nd, at 10:30 and preached morning and evening. There was a very large attendance on Sunday night to hear the evangelist, on the second birth. He is the man with message and has a very large experience in evangelistic and also in sin. He told the men in the jail how he had spent three months behind the bars. He will preach every night this week and next except Thursday and Friday at 3 o'clock. There will be bible class from Tuesday till Friday at the same hour. On Sunday Morning the Sunday school and church will meet at the same hour, 10:30. Will all parents see that the children are at the church not later than 10:30. There will be three services on Sunday 10:30, a. m. 3:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Afternoon subject: "Seven Bible Reasons for Christ's soon Return," and in the evening, "The Open and Shut Doors." The Rev. C. I. Strong who has spent some years among the Onondaga Indians will be with us on Friday and remain about ten days, who will take part in all of the meetings. Come and hear Cooper and Armstrong. They have something you need.

We had a delegation of 17 from Bradford last Sunday night.

SHOE REPAIR SHOP.

I have bought the shoe repairing outfit belonging to J. E. Cather and will continue to carry on the business at my own home 899 E. Main street, John McCarthy.

MRS. MARY D. MARTIN

Mrs. Mary D. Martin 86 years of age passed away Sunday March 2d, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Geo. Bayer of Farmers Valley.

Mrs. Martin had been in poor health for the past year, and finally dropsy developed which caused her death.

Mrs. Martin's home was in Chicago, but she of spent the past four years in this section visiting Mrs. Geo. Bayer and other nieces, who deeply feel her departure. She was a fine woman of splendid character, who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by one son W. D. Martin of Chicago and four grandchildren.

The body has been sent to Chicago where funeral services will be held on Tuesday morning.

WETMORE TOWNSHIP FIRST TO SIGN UP Cow Census to Schools

A. T. Lawson, Township Chairman for Marking the herds of Wetmore Township, reports, Friday that 85 percent of the herds were signed. Wetmore Township according to the assessor's book, had 26[illegible] herds. This township only had one accredited herd and due to this fact it was not looked upon as an easy territory to sign up for the Bovine Tuberculosis Campaign. Six days after holding the meetings to sign up herds, the township chairman telephoned the farm bureau office that the work was completed.

The Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D. C., last year published a book on Pennsylvania Resources. They credited McKean County with 7000 cows. During the past few weeks a census of cattle has ben taken through the schools. The reports are not all in. Those received at this writing gives McKean County 7317 cows. These reports do not include the cities and boroughs. We believe that McKean County has more than 12,000 head of cattle. The census given by the schools are as follows:

Township	No. Cattle
Annin	806
Bradford	632
Ceres	804
Corydon	56
Annin	806
Eldred	595
Foster	360
Hamilton	185
Hamlin	238
Keating	987
Lafayette	37
Liberty	1205
Otto	206
Norwich	258
Sergeant	262
Wetmore	650
Total	7347

The O. K. Farm wants more customers for its good Jersey milk. Advo 10-2t.

DICKERSON—BAKER

A quiet wedding occurred Sunday evening, March 2d at 10:00 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage when Bernice Madeline Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Baker of Olean, became the bride of Lawrence Dickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dickerson of Green st. Rev. Renicks officiating.

The bride is a charming girl who has often visited here, where she has made many friends. She is well liked in her home town.

The groom is a well known Smethport young men, a graduate of Smethport High School. He has recently been employed in a store in Olean, at present he is assisting his father in carrying mail and freight. He is a fine young man who numbers his friends by the score.

The Miner extends its hearty congratulations.

MRS. ROSIE ELSIE BRIGGS

Mrs. Rosie Elsie Briggs passed away Saturday March 1st at the home of Bert Davis of Cole Creek from the ills incident to old age. Mrs. Briggs was ninety years old and held a respected place in the community. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Studley of Cole Creek.

Funeral services were held March 4th at the Davis residence, Rev. S. A. Renicks of the Smethport Baptist church officiating. Interment was made in Smith's cemetery.

B. B. GAME NEXT SATURDAY

The M. E. church Sunday school basket ball team will play against Bradford M. E. Sunday school team next Saturday evening at the Bradford Y. M. C. A. building.

D. A. R. MEETING

The March meeting of the McKean Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held at the home of Mrs. Ida Pudney on Monday afternoon, March the tenth at 2:30 o'clock. The Roll Call, Original Historical Stories, and Mrs. Charles Gleason will have a paper on "Historical Spots in Pennsylvania."

CONOPIAN MEETING MONDAY

At a meeting of the Conopian Club held Monday noon at the Grand Central hotel, twenty-seven members were present. The prize donated by S. P. Redfield was won by John Kochen.

E. H. Potter presided in the absence of P. A. Sindlinger.

A motion was made and carried that the Conopian Club lend its moral support to the American Legion in its purchase of the lyceum. A committee at which B. F. Starsky was chairman was appointed to look after this matter.

A motion was also made to carry on a publicity campaign to boost Pennsylvania crude oil.

The next meeting will be held at L. E. Munn's restaurant.

LENTEN PERIOD BEGINS

Wednesday, March 5, was the first day of Lent, or Ash Wednesday and was fittingly observed at St. Lukes Episcopal church and St. Elizabeths Catholic church. At St. Lukes church services were held at 8:00 and 10:30 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m., the latter service being for the children. Rev. W. E. VanDyke officiating. At St. Elizabeths church mass and distribution of the ashes was held at 8:00 o'clock a. m. and a sermon and benediction at 7:30 p. m., Rev. P. J. Donohue officiating.

Friday evening, March 7th Rev. C. C. Bentley of St. Stephens Episcopal church at Olean will preach at St. Lukes. The service of the cross and benediction will be held at St. Elizabeths.

PORT ALLEGANY WINS

In the basketball game played last Friday evening between Smeth. High school at Port Allegany, the High school at Port Allegany, the Spark Plugs were defeated with a score of 45 to 16.

FOR SALE—New Cream Separator, cheap. Inquire at Lindholm's Store, John Seegren, Rover Pa.

CRIMINAL COURT RIDS MANY CASES

QUEEN OF THE BOOTLEGGERS GOT SIX MONTHS IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

MESLER GUILTY

Linwood Leasure arrested in Bradford, Pennsylvania last Tuesday night for "pocket bootlegging" during a dance at the armory Thursday appeared before Judge Bouton and plead guilty. Leasure was on parole under a sentence for desertion and non-support when he was arrested. He told the court that he did not know it was illegal to carry a bottle "on the hip" and to dispense of drinks to friends. Judge Bouton said he would give him a little time to learn more about the liquor laws and sentenced him to six months in the county jail and to pay a fine of $500 and costs.

James Messler of Potter county, who gained much publicity when he escaped from the county jail several weeks ago, drew a sentence of from two to four years in the state penitentiary. He plead guilty to forgery.

Nick Miller, aged 19, and Patsy Rizzo, aged 20, of Farrel, Pa., who were brought back here from New Jersey on charges of stealing an automobile from Fred Johnson of Bradford in November 1923, plead guilty to the charges and were sentenced to from one to two years in the western penitentiary.

Mrs. Lena Lama, styled by police is Bradford's queen of bootleggers, yesterday came from Buffalo and pleaded guilty to an indictment charging violation of the liquor laws. She was sentenced to six months in the county jail, a fine of $500 and costs of prosecution. Mrs. Lama was arrested in a wholesale raid in Bradford sometime ago and posted bail and left for Buffalo.

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PUBLIC FISHING NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that acting under the provisions of the Act of July 25, 1917, P. L. 1215, and its supplements, all persons and their employees within the counties of said Game Refuge No. 39, located in Norwich Township, McKean County, including part of Indian Run, portions of Haven's Brook and Long Hollow Run, are hereby warned against trespass and closed to fishing for a period of five (5) years commencing April 15, 1924. The Commissioner of Fisheries reserves the right to exercise the authority granted him under Section 210 of the above mentioned Act.

Fishing is prohibited at all times of the year.

Penalty for violation of the above one hundred dollars ($100.).

N. R. Buller,
Commissioner of Fisheries.
adv March 6-13-20

CROSBY YELLOW JACKETS GOING STRONG

Last Saturday night one of the fastest and best games of basket ball played on the Crosby floor took place between the Eldred Spartans, and the Crosby Yellow Jackets. From the very first until the last whistle it was doubtful as to the outcome. At the end of the first quarter Eldred led 8 to 2, at the end of the half Eldred led with a score of 18 to 12 at the end of the third quarter the score was tied 20 to 20. At the finish Crosby led 32 to 24 due to the stellar work of Stranburg and Smith. The star of Eldred's team was Smith who made six field goals. The Crosby team speaks highly of the Eldred boys who are a fast bunch of clean basket ball players who know how to play a good game.

The line ups were:

CROSBY	ELDRED
Stranburg, rf. 16	Stark, rf, 2
L. Lathrop, lf	Wolcott, rf
Smith, lf, 8	Brown, lf, 6
M. Lathrop, c, 4	Foster, lf
Newcomb, rg, 2	Smith, c, 12
Larson, lg, 2	McFall, rg, 4
	Slavin, lg,

Crosby 32—Eldred 24

Substitutes:—Eldred, Stark for Wolcott; Foster for Brown; Brown for Stark. Crosby, Smith for L. Lathrop.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE McKEAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

For the Year November 30, 1922 to November 30, 1923.

POULTRY

Poultry Culling Demonstrations

Several communities of the county asked for a demonstration of the proper method of culling the farm flock. Two communities, however, due to community cooperation in filling silos, were unable to put on the culling demonstrations work. With the assistance of the Extension Specialist in poultry, six different communities held their demonstrations through the arrangements of their local leader, with the results of 81 persons present at the culling. Culling demonstrations were conducted in such a way that all present had an opportunity to handle a few birds and to pass their judgment before the final judgment of the extension specialist. This however, was done after the extension specialist had explained how to properly judge the laying hen. In some cases the men have favorable reports as to the work, so that considerable interest has been aroused along this line.

Poultry Management

At the request of several communities poultry management or some allied subjects, were asked for so that most of the work done in the different communities was in form of meetings and individual farm visits. Meetings were held on hatching and rearing of chicks. Poultry account books were put out several communities a large majority of which were used. Only a small percentage, reporting monthly to the office. A large number of special requests were taken care of in the form of questions concerning housing of poultry and the feeding of the laying flock. Along this line too, a large amount of the work was that of disease control work among the poultry.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Vegetable Gardening

Two communities each near the larger towns of the county where market gardening is carried out to a great extent, asked for a meeting on market garden seeds, as to variety and strains within the variety. These meetings were held with the assistance of a specialist and in addition to strains and varieties, fertilizers were discussed. As a result, vegetable crops in those communities have been better fertilized and some new strains of tomato seed and cabbage were introduced. Reports at the annual meeting this year proved that the efforts were not in vain, and that the results were very favorable, both as to quantity and quality.

Orchard Pruning Demonstrations

Quite early in March of this year, with the assistance of a specialist from the college, the pruning demonstrations were held in the different communities at the particular orchards arranged for by the local leaders and in spite of the severe storm at the time, four pruning demonstrations were held with a total attendance of 44. Most of these were planned for orchards along the highways so that the passersby might see the proper method of pruning apple trees, and much comment has been made on the part of many traveling those roads.

RURAL ECONOMICS

Under this subject the thing which predominated was the cost of producing milk as carried out by the two testers in the Oswayo Valley and the Allegany Valley Cow Testing Associations. Cost accounts were kept on 58 farms including all details in regard to the cost of producing milk. A summary will be made of these and each farm will receive not only his own but the average of all others.

Farm Account Books

Farm account books as requested in the different organization meetings were given out to 13 communities and the majority of these were kept at least in part.

In addition to the general farm account books poultry account books were given out to eight different farms.

DAIRY CATTLE CONTEST

A dairy cattle judging contest was held at the McKean County Fair, with thirty-eight (38) contestants. In addition to the prizes mentioned under animal husbandry which were given by the banks, and Farm Bureau, the Pennsylvania Bankers Association of Group 7, donated a beautiful silver cup to the boy with the highest score in judging dairy cattle. This cup was won by Franklyn Baxter of Port Allegany.

BETTER BUTTER CAMPAIGN

Two communities having known the experience of this type of work in the county in previous years, asked for a better butter campaign in their communities. The Local Leader would arrange for the meetings and do the advertising so that on the day of the meeting the different farmers would appear with a pound sample of their butter. The extension specialist without knowing the owners would properly score the butter and while doing so, would pass samples of it around to everyone present designating just what was wrong with it and thus giving them an opportunity to learn how to detect different faults of butter. Three such meeting were held in each community with an average of ten at each meeting. A fourth meeting has been planned for each community so that a check up will be made before the State Farm Products Show, where it is hoped many will exhibit their butter. One year previous a community that did this type of work took first and third at the state show.

COOPERATION WITH DAIRY ORGANIZATIONS

The Farm Bureau cooperated during the year with four local dairymen's League Organizations, two milk retailing plants, and one general milk plant, all of which are cooperative in nature. Most of the assistance given was by the extension specialist and the County Agent, checking up on accounts, management and advise in regard to policies. About 80 or 85 percent of the milk of the county is handled by the above named organizations.

POTATO SEED TREATMENT

A few men have become interested in properly treating seed potatoes for the different forms of tuber diseases so that this year it was necessary to put on at least one demonstration where 29 farmers were present and 8 bushels of potatoes were treated at the demonstration. Following the demonstration, five or six of the men treated seed in like manner. Much more work of this kind has been planned for next year.

Potato Roguing:

Some of the men who are properly spraying their potatoes deemed it wise from a community standpoint to rogue some of the fields so that the communities might have a better grade of seed potatoes without depending entirely upon outside sources. A few rouging demonstrations were given and assistance was given directly straight in potato rouging on 34 farms. All the rouging work was done with the Rural Rural Russett potatoes and fields whether a small percentage of disease was present were considered.

WINTER WHEAT

Very little winter wheat is grown in the county, but the Farm Bureau after one or two years of tests, persuaded the farmers that Leap's Prolific is the best wheat for this county. We are now demonstrating on one farm in the county that Penn 44 is even better than Leap's Prolific. The farm on which this is being done is also growing this wheat for seed and has sold during the past season, his entire crop for seed. Seed can be secured through the Farm Bureau.

BARLEY, OATS & PEAS:

Some of the farmers have been reading of this ration grown together as a dairy ration, so that this year we put on two demonstrations as to a comparative yield and quality. The demonstration at R. A. Mosier's Farm, Coryville, showed that a certain variety of oats and barley were necessary and in this case the proper ones were used so that they matured at the same time, while in that of the A. T. Larson, Farm, Kane, such was not the case. The yield in bushels especially for this dry year was very satisfactory. This is what is called a home grown ration for dairy cows. Mr. Larson, from his experience agrees with the varieties used by Mr. Mosier. Namely Alpha Barley, Cornellian Oats, and Field Peas.

SILAGE SEED CORN:

Having previously demonstrated that the West Branch Sweepstakes Corn was the best silage corn for McKean County, arrangements were made with every miller and feed man in the county to purchase West Branch Sweepstakes Corn and handle it on a reasonable margin. Eleven millers and feed men handled the corn in the county and served approximately 250 farmers. The same will be done this year.

TOP DRESSED MEADOWS.

Farming in the county being on the extensive plan, which means that meadows are permitted to go as many as three and four years without being reseeded, depletes the soil fertility very rapidly. One community decided upon a demonstration of top dressing old meadows for improvement. At the farm of Joe Flannigan, Ceres, the following was conducted.

Application	Amount per acre.	Yield per acre.
Nitrate Soda	200lb	1451lb
Nothing		987lb
16% acid	200lb	987lb
Nitrate Soda & 16% acid	100lb	1227lb

It would appear from the above that nitrate of soda paid much better than acid phosphate, and that it would pay to use nitrate of soda. This demonstration was on an exceptionally high elevation, quite a steep slope, and on stony ground so that the dry season was very much against favorable results. The fertilizer did not get moisture enough to become available.

PASTURE IMPROVEMENT.

On the farm of Joe Flannigan, Ceres, it was deemed advisable to demonstrate improvement of old pasture land. This was done by harrowing with a spike tooth harrow the ground to be used. Then applying lime at the rate of eight or ten hundred pounds of hydrated lime per acre; 16% acid phosphate 200 pounds, and white clover, red top, Canadian and Kentucky Blue Grass. The results this fall in spite of the dry season were as follows. The knolls that were sour and mossy and not growing any edible plants are now quite well covered with a seeding of clover, and the improvement as a whole could be placed at about 200%. More of this work has been planned for 1924.

DAIRY HUSBANDRY

Cow Testing Associations

Oswayo Valley Cow Testing Ass'n.

This association with a membership of 28 farmers ended its year with a completed set of books on June first, 1923. This association was a real success due chiefly to the excellent tester operating the association. Quite a large number of cows were sold because of being unprofitable and in many cases were replaced by very good purebred animals. The men of this association have learned more in one year concerning feeding, than any other means in the past five years.

Allegany Valley Cow Testing Ass'n.

This association began work April first 1922 and failed to finish its year but went out of existence in January 1923. The price of milk in this particular community was unusually low. So much so that no interest whatever was taken in the dairy and the farmers mutually agreed with the tester that they would much rather close the association. Thirty farmers were members of this organization. The herd books are being summarized for the period that the association was active.

ACCREDITED HERD WORK

This work has been going on in the county for four years, and this year approximately 92 herds are signed up for the first test, with 55 herds receiving their first accredited herd certificates. The County Agent assisted in filling out, checking over and sending in all blanks, as well as in many cases assisting the veterinarian in getting to the farms for the first time. Some time was spent in arranging for the tests of the already accredited herds. The herds were tested for a much lower price when they were grouped, where one hundred or more animals could be tested by one party, at the same time.

SHEEP MANAGEMENT

Two communities asked for sheep management work which comprised the management of flocks and especially drenching for stomach and intestinal worms. Considerable drenching was done, part of it under the supervision of the County Agent. In many other cases sheep diseases and management problems were taken up.

RAM ASSOCIATIONS

The three ram associations are still in operation and have now gone for six years. At this time however there are but seven rams in stead of nine due to men going out of the sheep business. The improvement on the flocks made by these associations is very remarkable. The organization of other ram associations is under way and it is hoped that these will spread to other parts of the county.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Grand Champion Shropshire Ewe at the State Farm Products Show 1923. Exhibited by Sheep & Wool Growers Association. Owned by E. W. Wilcox, Crosby, Penna.

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BRADFORD GIRL WHO TOOK IODINE ASKS HEART BALM

Buffalo, Feb. 28.—Selma Halpern, 18 years old, formerly of Bradford, now living in Buffalo, has instituted a breach of promise suit to recover $20,000 heart balm from Lawrence Fox, 26 years old 528 North Division street. Miss Halpern alleges Fox proposed to her on Christmas day of last year and gave her a beautiful diamond ring to seal their bethrothal. The party celebrating their engagement was held at her home, she says, and many of her friends were present to witness her triumph which is now, she asserts her humiliation.

The wedding date was set for January 20, papers say and after a postponement Fox refused to marry her. The broken word came to light last February 18, when Miss Halpern was taken to Emergency hospital suffering from iodine poisoning. Police said suicide, but the girl at the time scouted the story, saying she got hold of the wrong bottle in the dark.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN SUDDENLY STRICKEN

W. H. Bunce, one of Kane's most prominent citizens, was stricken with paralysis about 1:30 o'clock last evening and his condition at 3 o'clock this afternoon was such as to cause grave concern.

The attack came with shocking suddenness as Mr. Bunce had intended to attend a church supper last evening. He insisted that although he was not feeling very well that his wife should proceed to the church and that he would join her within a few minutes. When Mr. Bunce did not appear in the specified time she returned home and found her husband unconscious and hurriedly summoned a physician and friends. It was found that Mr. Bunce had been stricken with apoplexy causing paralysis of the left side. According to a report from his home this afternoon his condition has not changed to any apparent extent since last night —Kane Republican, February 28.—Mr. Bunce passed away Monday.

JAMES CHRISTIE IS DEAD AT BRADFORD HOSPITAL

Bradford, Feb. 28.—James Christie who was found at his home No. 30 Walker avenue Monday morning suffering from what is believed to be ptomaine poisoning, died at the Bradford Hospital at 1:30 o'clock this morning without having regained consciousness since he was taken ill some time Sunday night. His daughter, Mrs. George Bovaird Jr. and her husband were at the bedside when the end came. The immediate cause of death was given as heart trouble.

No report has been received yet from the chemists who are analyzing some canned salmon which Mr. and Mrs. Christie ate Sunday and which is believed to have poisoned them. Reports early this morning stated that Mrs. Christie who is suffering from the same effects, is improving and her recovery is believed assured.

Everything known to medical skill was tried to save Mr. Christie's life. Drs. Kervin, Nichols and Russell of Bradford and Dr. Russell of Buffalo having been attending him.

Mr. Christie was one of the best known residents of Bradford. For years he had been employed by the Oil Well Supply company and was always active in community activities. He was a member of the local Masonic order and the First Presbyterian church.

Beside his widow and daughter, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. William Russel, Mrs. Naylor Millson and Miss Alma Christie and a brother, Albert Christie, of Port Hope, Ontario Canada.—Kane Republican February 28.

TROUT RUNS ARE CLOSED FOR FIVE YEARS

Official notice will appear in the Republican Monday from N. R. Butler, commissioner of state fisheries at Harrisburg that all streams in Game Refuge, No. 30, located in Norwich township, McKean county, will be closed to fishermen for a term of five years, the brooks to be used during that time for nurseries for the propagation of brook trout. The streams which are closed under the order include part of Indian Run and portions of Havens Brook and Lone Hollow Run.

Prior to the building of the lumber town of Norwich some twenty years ago these streams were famous throughout the state among fishermen as being especially prolific trout runs. The building of the town and consequent settling of that locality spelled the doom of the streams as trout brooks, for a long period of years.

The exhaustion of the timber supply on tracts in that vicinity, however, caused the abandoning of the flourishing lumber town, and during the past six years sawmills and other industries were moved from the scene and dwelling houses were torn down or moved away and the last building to remain in the village, a church, was sold and transported to another location more than a year ago. The state game commission took over the site of the town and surroundings several years ago and now bears, deer and other denizens of the forest, roam the brush grown streets of the once thriving town of Norwich, which at one time had a population of 1500 or more people. Norwich has gone back to the forest and its trout streams will once more attain fame for their excellence.—Kane Republican March 1.

SEVEN DEER ADDED TO McKEAN PRESERVE

Smethport Mar. 1. A consignment of seven deer from the state game commission was received recently at the new state game preserve at Kinzua, near Smethport, and liberated by Preserve Keeper Milo Gantt.

The deer were purchased in northern Michigan and were shipped to Buffalo, Pa., by express arriving in splendid shape.

This is the second consignment of imported deer liberated in the nearby preserve to replenish the local supply.

BRAKEMAN FELL FROM B. & O. BOX CAR

Harry Boyd, of Foxburg, a Baltimore & Ohio local freight brakeman, running between Kane and Foxburg, met a horrible death yesterday afternoon, at 1 o'clock at Lucinda, when he had both legs ground off and received a crushed skull, killing him instantly.

The train had stopped at that point to place a car on a siding. Boyde was riding on the top of the car to apply the hand brake after the car had passed the switch, which was thrown by a fellow employe who did not see Boyd when he fell. It is thought that when the brakeman twisted the wheel to apply the brake he slipped and fell with his legs across the rails. The left leg was cut off below the knee and the right above the knee.

The unfortunate man's body was picked up and carried to the depot where it was prepared to be taken to his home at Foxburg. He is survived by a wife and one child. He had been an employe of the company for several years and was very well known in Kane.—Kane Republican March 1.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The following statement is issued by Collector of Internal Revenue, D. B. Hetner of the 23rd district of Pennsylvania.

With only ten days remaining in which to file income tax returns, taxpayers are warned against delay in forwarding their returns to Collectors of Internal Revenue. Comparison of the number of returns filed during the months of January and February with those filed during the corresponding period of 1923 shows a decided decrease. This, no doubt, is in part attributable to the desire to taxpayers to take full advantage of the proposed reductions, and especially of the 25 per cent reduction on income for the year 1923. However, the tax on income for the year 1923 is being collected under the Revenue Act of 1921 which is still in effect, and which provides heavy penalties for failure or "willful refusal" to file a return and pay, at least, one fourth of the tax on, or before March 15, 1924. The Revenue Act of 1924, containing this and other proposed reductions, is now before Congress and there is little likelihood of its enactment prior to the closing day of the filing period.

The proposed 25 per cent reduction in the tax on income for the year 1923 is retroactive to January 1 [illegible] ing legislation means, in the case of taxpayers who pay on the installment plan, a revision of their accounts in the offices of the collectors by crediting the account with one fourth of the amount of the tax declared to be due on the return. In those cases where the tax is paid in full at the time of filing the returns, the 25 percent excess will be refunded promptly without requirement of filing a claim. No material advantage is to be gained by taxpayers who withhold their returns which should be made out in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue Act of 1921; the normal tax being 4 percent on the first $4,000 of net income above the exemptions and 8 percent on the remaining net income and the surtax ranging from 1 percent on the amount of net income between $6,000 and $10,000 to 50 percent on the amount by which the net income exceeds $200,000.

Every single person, whose net income for 1923—was—$1,000 or more, or whose gross income was $5,000 or more, must file a return. Married persons (living together), are required to file a return if the aggregate net income was $2,000, or more, or if the aggregate gross income was $5,000, or more. Single persons in calculating the normal tax, may subtract from their income an exemption of $1,000. This exemption for married persons and heads of families is $2500 on incomes of $5,000 or less, and $2,000 on income in excess of $5,000. Taxpayers are allowed also an additional credit of $400 for each person (other than husband or wife) depending upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer, if such dependent person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self support.

COUNTIES IN WOOL POOL

In no less than 23 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties sheep men are organized and are pooling their wool. The following counties marketed wool co-operatively in 1923: Washington, Greene, Mercer, Lawrence, Beaver, Indiana, Armstrong, McKean, Potter, Venango, Somerset, Fayette, Tioga, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Centre, Huntingdon, Juniata, Blair, Cambria, Clarion, and Northumberland.

Approximately 350,000 pounds of wool were handled thru these organizations during the last year. The writer had the opportunity of meeting over 2000 sheep growers at the grading table. By grading before the grower he sees just what class his wool falls into and can be explained the reason for its grade. The percentage of off-grade wools in these pools have been reduced in the five years of co-operative marketing from 11 to 2.2 per cent. When you figure that off-graded wool sells for ten cents less per pound than straight grades, it is very evident that this reduction represents a considerable saving to the growers.

Co-operative wool marketing in Pennsylvania had its beginning in 1919. During that year, two counties, Lawrence and McKean, pooled their wools and hired a grader and for the first time the grower saw his wool separated into their commerical grades. It was the first time in their lives that those growers had marketed their wool thru a system that paid a premium for a quality product. Previous to this, the grower had relied on the local buyer to tell him what his wool was worth. He had read in his farm paper about delaine, half-blood, and, three-eight-blood, but did not have the slightest idea as to what grade his wool would fall into. Go into the medium wool sections of Pennsylvania today, after five years of co-operative marketing, and talk in terms of quarter and three-eighth blood wools and the grower understands the language you are using.

This year, the medium wool average the grower about 47 cents, while the fine half blood brought about 49 cents on the average. This price on medium wool represents a gain of about three cents a pound to the producer over the price obtained from local buyers.—W. D. Connell, Penna. State College.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

FOR CONGRESS

We are authorized to announce the name of William I. Swoope, of Clearfield, Pa., as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 23rd District, composed of the counties of Center, Clearfield, Cameron and McKean, at the Spring Primaries on April 22nd, 1924.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE.

I hereby announce my candidacy for delegate from the 23rd Congressional District to the National Convention of the Republican Party subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held April 22, 1924.

If I am chosen I will support Calvin Coolidge for President.

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FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

We are authorized to announce the name of Ella J. Mountz, of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, as a candidate for the office of Delegate to the Republican National Convention from the 23rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR STATE SENATE.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of Senator in the General Assembly, 25th District, subject to the decision of the primary election to be held on Tuesday, April 22, 1924.

FRANK E. BALDWIN

Austin, Pa.,
February 5, '24.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination of the Republican party for Member of Assembly for McKean County subject to the decision of the Republican Electors at the Primary to be held April 22, 1924.

THOMAS B. WILSON

Bradford, Pa.

EDITORIAL

A GOOD TRADE MARK

When you go into a store to buy supplies you don't say "I want a sack of flour," or "give me a cake of soap." You call out the name of the flour and the name of the soap because you know those names stand for a certain type of flour and soap, goods with a reputation. Every merchant has a firm name for his store, and he is proud of that name. Then why should not the farmer be proud enough of his farm and the products that come off of it to give that farm a name? With a name to live up to, a reputation to maintain, the farmer will take a new pride in his place and a new interest in his business. Select an appropriate name such as "happy Hollow," or "Maple Grove," or Rock Spring," something along that line, and paint it on the barn in nice letters so those who pass may see it and know thereby that your are progressive believe in the product you have to sell. There's no reason why every farm around Smethport should not have an appropriate name. It's your trademark, and folks will very soon learn the value of it.

USE THE WASTE BASKET.

Smethport citizens sometimes find their mail a mysterious "chain letter," usually one containing a special prayer for happiness, or good luck, or something equally as foolish, and along with it a threat that bad luck will pursue them if they don't write a similar letter to three of their acquaintances. In other words, they are threatened with dire things if they "break the chain." The nuisance has started up again in this coutry, and Uncle Sam has sent out a warning to pay absolute no attention to such letters. They usually spring from the mind of some thoughtless, irresponible busy-body who hasn't sense enough to know that unless the chain was broken there isn't enough men in the postal department to handle this class of foolish letters and nothing else. Don't be skeptical enough to give the "chain letter" a second thought. Drop it into the waste basket—and if you haven't a waste basket the kitchen stove will answer just as well.

The notable feature of the Harding memorial exercises in Washington was the tribute which the Secretary of State paid to his former chief. In saying that Mr. Harding had "the divine gift of sympathy" Mr. Hughes came close to the root of the whole matter. He had the welfare o fthe whole people closely at heart; he understood their aspigations and sympathies. "He was," said Mr. Hughes, "brother to all whose strivings in countless communities, whose eagerness, adaptability, venturesomeness and common sense give him the stamp of the American character." Nor can it be disputed that his conscientious and too severe labors for the common good did much to hasten his death. It was not in his nature to take his great office lightly.—Sunday Philadelphia Enquirer, March 2.

On Friday the House passed the "compromise" revenue bill. After various amendments had been offered and rejected, the final vote on the measure was practically unanimous. It provides for a maximum surtax of 37½ per cent. on incomes in excess of $200,000 and reduces taxes on small incomes to two per cent. Peronal incomes payable this year are reduced one-fourth. This is a less radical programme than the Republican insurgents wanted, of course but it is a considerable departure from the original plan. The debates of the last week or two, the often fantastic proposals brought forward naturally raise a doubt as to the wisdom of the change in the rules which practically leave it to the whole body of the House to shape legislation of an intricate sort in which expert knowledge is required. But the struggle in this case has not been as long and exhausting as was once anticipated. Probably the impatience of the country to have something done may account, at least in part, for this.—Sunday Philadelphia Enquirer, March 2.

SHALL POLITICAL BLACKGUARDS RUN THE COUNTRY?

By John T. Adams, Chairman Republican National Committee.

The integrity of a former Republican cabinet official has been called into serious question because he accepted money while in office from certain oil interests.

The reputation o fthree former Democratic cabinet members and other Democrats prominent in the Wilson administration has been affected because they received money from the same oil interests as hire for their political influence with their own administration.

So much for the fact regarding the use of money disclosed up to date in the oil investigation.

Taking advantage of this situation, a few political blackguards and scandal mongers have launched a general campaign of slander against members of the cabinet and others high in official life.

One of the victims of this campaign is Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy. The record shows he did not perform a single act in connection with the leasing of the naval oil reserves that was either illegal or immoral—much less, a betrayal of the public trust or inimical to public welfare.

Not one of Secretary Denby's detractors can quote any official record or sworn testimony to the contrary. Not one dare make his accusations outside the halls of Congress, where he claims protection in the prerogative of uttering slander.

Now it is being charged that Attorney General Daugherty was a party to the transaction. He had nothing whatever to do with the oil leases. He was not even consulted regarding them. Those making these charges claim they want a congressional investigation of Daugherty in order to bring out the facts. But they are not willing to wait for the investigation.

What they hope to do is to force Attorney General Daugherty to retire from the cabinet before such an investigation can take place. They hope he will prefer such retirement to the alternative of remaining in office to be harassed and slandered.

The Republican party organization stands unalterably for clean and honest administration of public affairs. It does not condone betrayal of public trust or seek to protect those of its party guilty of such betrayal.

But it is equally insistent that guilt must be proved or shown by evidence that admits of no doubt. Hysteria is not a proof. Libel is not truth. Idle gossip and hearsay scandal are not evidence.

To punish innocent men upon such irresposible and disreputable grounds often result in letting those who are guilty escape. It is not without the range of possibilities that those who are now making wild charges against public official seek to sacrifice innocent men in order that guilt which should be ferreted out and properly placed may escape detection.

This is not the time to yield to the threats of those who are conducting this campaign of political terrorism or to the demands of those who are frightened by such methods. The records show that most of the charges now being made are merely revamped from those some time ago by a member of the House of Representatives in demand for Attorney General Daugherty's impeachment.

These charges were thoroughly investigated by a House committee which, by a vote of 20 to 1, denounced them as untrue and unwarranted. This decision of the committee the House of Representatives concurred in by an overwhelming vote on non-partisan lines. The new charges now being made are nothing but cheap gossip, part of which has already been utterly discredited.

Why should Attorney General Daugherty resign without betraying? That is not the American way of doing things. It is time for officials of integrity to face their detractors and place the brand of infamy upon those who make their public office the mouthpiece of foul calumny.

America, her institutions and her form of government, are not now, and never will be, endangered by enemies from without. Her menace is from those who, for the purpose of elevating themselves into the limelight of questionable notoriety or of serving the baser purpose of partisanship, seek to destroy the faith of the American people in their public officials and institutions.

The time has come for Republican leadership to stop acting on the defensive, and to begin aggressive warfare on political traducers, who sat silent while the greatest orgy of waste, incompentency and corruption that the world has ever witnessed took place in Washington under th Democratic administion.

BIDS OPEN

Pennsyvania Departments of Highways, Harrisburg, Pa., Sealed proposals will be received at the State Capitol until 10 a. m. March 31, 1924, when bids will be publicly opened and scheduled and contracts awarded as soon thereafter as possible for the reconstruction of 11900 linear feet or Either bituminous surface course on a concrete foundation or One Course reinforced Concrete Pavement, 18 feet wide, being situate in Otto Township, McKean County, Appl. No. 2800 on Route No. 211. Bidding blanks and specifications may be obtained free, and drawings upon payment of $2.50 per set, upon application to Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Harrisburg. No refund for drawings returned. They can also be seen at office of Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Harrisburg, Bofton Bldg. 69th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, 551 Century Bldg. 132 Seventh Street, Pittsburgh, and Commerce Bldg., Erie, Pa., and Franklin Trust Co. Bldg., Franklin, Pa., P. D. Wright, Secretary of Highways. adv 6-13-20

OBLIGING

A clergyman anxious to introduce some new hymn books, gave the clerk a notice after the sermon. The clerk had a notice of his own to give with reference to baptism of infants. At the close he announced: "All those who have children they wish baptized, please send in their names at once." The clergyman, who was deaf, assuming that the clerk was giving his notice, arose and said: "And I want to say for the benefit of those who haven't any, that they may be obtained from me any day between three and four o'clock, the ones with the red backs at 25 cents and the ordinary little ones at 15 cents."—Forbes Magazine (N. W.).

NERVE OF SOME MEN

Wife—It certainly seems that the most ill-natured women get the best husbands.

Hubby—Nice of you to say so, my dear—what do you want?

Ask Dad.

His sister called him "Willie,"
His mother called him "Will,"
But when he went to college,
To dad 'twas Bill, Bill, Bill.

A Job for Uncle Sam.

A Dane who owned a farm in Kansas applied for naturalization papers. The judge asked him:

"Are you satisfied with the general conditions of the country?"

"Yas," drawled the Dane.

"Does the form of government suit you?" queried the judge.

"Yas, yas; only I would like to see more rain," replied the farmer.—Everybody's.

Keeping His Word.

"Jones, when are you going to pay me that ten, anyhow?"

"Tomorrow, old top, tomorrow."

"That's what you told me yesterday, darn you! You said yesterday you'd pay tomorrow!"

"Yeah; and I'm a man of my word. Lemme know when it's tomorrow, will yuh?"

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Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Harrisburg, Pa., Sealed proposals will be received at the State Capitol until 10 a. m. March 17, 1924, when bids will be publicly opened and scheduled and contract awarded as soon thereafter as possible for the reconstruction of 19984 linear feet of either bituminous surface course on a concrete foundation or one course reinforced concrete pavement, 18 feet wide, being situated in Mt. Jewett Borough and Hamlin Township, McKean County on Route No. 95. Bidding blanks and specifications may be obtained free, and drawings upon payment of $2.50 per set, upon application to Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Harrisburg. No refund for drawings returned. They can also be seen at office of Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Burton Bldg., 132 Seventh street, Pittsburgh, and Franklin Trust Co. Bldg., Franklin, Pa. and 1007 Commerce Bldg., Erie Penna. P. D. Wright, Secretary of Highways.
adv. 21, 28, Mar. 6.

TOOK DRINK OF WINE, PERHAPS, MUST FACE TRIAL

Alleged to have been caught taking a drink of grape wine outside of a dance hall in Hazelhurst Friday evening, William Connors, a young man of that place is under $1500 bail for his appearance at the next term of criminal court.

The arrest was made by Sheriff W. Barton, on information furnished by one of his deputies, Joseph Stoddard of Hazelhurst.

It is reported that a number of friends of Connors are indignant over the charge and the manner in which the evidence was secured which brought about his arrest and that some of Stoddard's fellow workmen have declared they will quit their jobs before working again, at a place where he is employed. It is understood that Stoddard is a shiftworker.—Kane Republican, March 3.

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PERSONALS

Mr and Mrs. W. C. McClaran of Bradford were Sunday guests of Mrs. Orpha Mulvihill.

Mrs. Mary Hayer and son Ralph and Paul were Saturday guests of Mrs. Orpha Mulvihill.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howard, Mrs. Alice Kearney and son Tommy of Bradford, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Daly Sunday.

E. T. Daly was a Buffalo visitor Monday.

Rev. W. E. VanDyke left Sunday for Buffalo, to see Mrs. Ada Young who is seriously ill in the Women's hospital.

Miss Ada Studholme, who was called to Buffalo Thursday by the illness of Mrs. Ada Young returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Tyler of Mt. Jewett are the guests of C. O. Taylor and family this week.

P. S. Crossman attended a meeting at Wrights Tuesday evening.

E. E. Bouton, F. J. Quirk and Gordon Coleman gave a dance Tuesday evening in Quirk's Hall, which was well attended. The gentlemen above mentioned furnished music for the affair.

Saturday evening the boy scouts under scout master, Harry Heilman, and a number of girl scouts guests in charge of Miss Martha Colegrove took a ride to Larrabee, which was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Geo. Denning entertained a few ladies at bridge Saturday evening.

Mrs. Elmer Quirk entertained the Tuesday bridge club Tuesday evening at her home.

Julius Horhlein has a fine new Buick car.

Frank Fay is having his house wired for electricity. D. A. McCauley has charge of the work.

Mrs. R. W. Herzog returned Monday from a visit with friends and relatives in New York.

Mrs. M. Gillette and daughter, Phyllis returned Monday from a visit to New York City.

Mrs. Carl Engstrom of Kane, who has been the guest of R. W. Herzog and family of Kane, returned Saturday to her home.

The married couples club held a delightful dance Monday evening in Quirk's hall, among those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gallup Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mills and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Finney of Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Raymond of Mt. Jewett, who were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Corwin returned Tuesday to their home.

Hon. J. W. Bouton is in Pittsburgh this week holding court.

The Travelers club will hold a meeting Saturday afternoon March 15. Each member is privileged to bring a guest.

Mrs. Fred Specht and daughter Edna Louise, left Saturday for Rochester, N. Y., where they will make their home.

Mr. Chas. Freeman was in Friendship, Tuesday on business.

Miss Mae Choate entertained the auction bridge club Tuesday afternoon at her home on King street.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Eastman, Mrs. E. W. Workley and daughter Catherine were Bradford visitors Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Halpenny and Mrs. C. B. Dickinson entertained the Larkin club Friday afternoon at the home of the former.

Mrs. Enos Southwick, entertained the I. S. W. club Monday evening at her home on King street.

Mrs. Chas. Freeman entertained a number of ladies at a quilting party Wednesday afternoon at her home.

C. K. Gregory returned Monday from Buffalo where he has been receiving treatment at the Buffalo General Hospital. His many friends will be pleased to learn of his improvement.

Mrs. Chas. Freeman entertained the members of the Priscilla club Friday afternoon at the M. E. church parlors.

F. H. Hungiville was in Emporium Friday on business.

Mrs. R. E. Burdick was a Bradford visitor Monday.

Ruth Ferri of Port Allegany, Pa., was the over Sunday guest of Miss Alene Engstrom.

Mr. Evan Quinn of Olean, N. Y., was in town Friday.

Mr. J. P. O'Connor of Port Allegany was a visitor here last Friday.

E. A. Studholme is in Buffalo, N. Y., this week.

The C. B. Q. club gave a delightful dancing party at Quirk's hall Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lee of Olean N. Y., spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sasse.

Mrs. Claude Butlers of Bradford is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cooper.

Miss Edna Specht and Mrs. Wm. Pierotti entertained the Canonada Campfire girls, Wednesday evening at the former's home.

Chas. Freeman was in Friendship Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Chas. Taylor left the latter part of the week for Sherrill, N. Y. to visit her daughter Francis, who is a teacher in the high school in that place.

Mrs. E. G. Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Comes were in Albion N. Y., Thursday to atend the marriage of Christel Comes to Arthur D. Pollock of Eldred.

E. W. Strong was a business visitor in Bradford one day last week.

Vera Jones was a Kane visitor Monday.

Mrs. Nathan Hayes of Reno Nevada, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Edna Warren for several weeks returned Monday to her home. Mrs. Warren and Mrs. J. D. Hogarth accompanied her as far as Buffalo.

Mrs. Jack Klein is a Buffalo visitor this week.

The surveying crew which has been working on the Kasson road, completed its work last Thursday.

Charles Croissant was a Smethport caller on Saturday.

Mr. Herbert Irving of the KDKA broadcasting staff is visiting his brother for a few days.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. J. B. Oviatt on King street Tuesday afternoon March 11 at 2:30. A good attendance is desired.

The condition of William Spangle is slightly improved, though he is still confined to his bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gleason left Wednesday evening for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend a few weeks. On their way home they will visit at Wilmington, N. C. and Sparrowpoint, Md.

D. M. Cooper of West Line was a business visitor in Smethport Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Burg Chadwick are Buffalo visitors this week.

Mrs. Frank Heath of Cory, Pa., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Abbey of Bank street.

Postmaster E. W. Workley was an Erie visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swort and daughter of Port Allegany were the guests of Miss Lena Herzog Saturday.

Kent Kane and Harriet Herzog were Bradford visitors Tuesdays.

Leo Herzog has a new Studebaker sedan.

Miss Alma Fay who has been under treatment at the Bradford hospital was brought back here Wednesday. Her condition is improved.

Mrs. Geo. Richards is teaching the 5th grade in the absence of Miss Catherine Fay who is caring for her sister.

The McCoy drug store has recently been wired for electricity. E. W. Strong has charge of the work.

S. C. Beers of Okmulgee, Okla., was in town Friday.

Mr. E. R. Black of Hazelhurst, Pa., was a business visitor here Friday.

Rev. Chas. McCoy of Williamsport, Pa., is the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCoy of this place.

Elisha K. Kane was a business visitor in town Thursday.

A. G. Christie of Reynoldsville was here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lillibridge were Bradford visitors Saturday.

Mr. J. R. McCarty and Ruth McCarty spent the week end in Buffalo with Mr. and Mrs. J. Aiken.

Miss Helen Ford of Port Allegany spent the week end with Harriet Herzog.

Miss Agnes Ryan of Bradford spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Yerdon.

Mrs. W. H. Hungerford entertained at 500 Saturday evening at her home on King street.

Rev. W. E. VanDyke, E. A. Studholme and daughter Ada were in Buffalo Friday.

Miss Bernice Erhard returned to her home in Ridgway Saturday after spending a few days with her sist Mrs. O. Anderson.

Alice Heath returned to her home in Buffalo, N. Y., Friday after a weeks visit with her sister, Miss Mate Conolly.

Miss Margaret Bacon has accepted a position as stenographer at the office of Holmes & Gilfillan.

Mrs. Albert Cleveland returned from Warren, Pa., Friday where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dennis and Mr and Mrs. Ed. Tanner of Bradford attended the dance at the Temple club Tuesday evening.

The married Peoples club had a covered dish party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schmidt, Friday evening.

Mrs. O. J. Wettrick returned to her home in Coudersport, Pa., Saturday.

Dr. Robert Hamilton returned Friday from Buffalo, N. Y.

Helen Hungiville who is in training at Higgins Memorial hospital, Olean, N. Y., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hungiville.

Miss Eva Hoffman was in Bradford Saturday.

S. F. Redfield left Tuesday for Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Geo Oakley entertained the Sophia Society Thursday afternoon.

Miss Iva Bacon of DuBois, Pa., spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bacon of this place.

Miss Mate Conolly left Saturday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. O. J. Wettrick, of Coudersport.

Miss Ruth Walker was a Bradford visitor Saturday.

The Misses Babe Kelly, Ann Clark, Elma Hector, and Lettie Moore were in Bradford Tuesday evening.

Mrs. I. E. Bailey of Betula, Pa., was in town Monday.

Mrs. Fred Milroy and Miss Lillie Sebring served refreshments at the regular meeting of St. Priscilla's guild Monday evening at the Parish house.

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Card Young spent the week end in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cooper of Bradford were guests of friends here Monday.

Mrs. E. G. Potter returned Friday from Albion, N. Y., where she attended the Pollock-Comes wedding.

St. Helen's Guild had a six o'clock dinner at St. Luke's Parish house Monday.

Sheriff Barton and E. W. Jones left Sunday for Pittsburgh, Pa., taking three prisoners to the Western Penitentiary.

Mrs. John Wiant is visiting in Pittsburgh this week.

Mr. Harvey Lander of Havre De Grace, Md., is the guest of Mr. and Mr. Kloss of Erie, Pa., was a business a business visitor last week of Mrs. John Klein.

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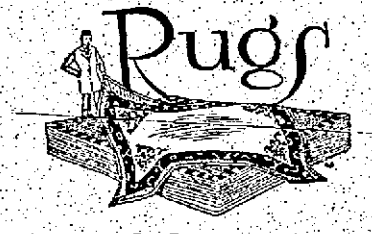

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same. His voice showed it, as did the blood rising to his face, the little knot of [illegible] his eyes and the unusual [illegible] he wed now in his rest and [illegible].

He started to his feet and she with him. He was staring now at the place where her eyes had been—the folds of that high velvet curtain.

"Come out of there!" he cried in a coarse voice. "From behind that curtain! I see you," he said with a mouthful of foul epithets.

And at that the curtain moved—very slightly, but still visibly.

"No, no, no!" cried the false Adelaide Rutherford, pushing at him with all her might. She saw now what she had done. She had brought this unfortunate man—this prisoner and defender, whose name she did not even know—in here to be murdered. "No!" she cried hysterically, and she was pushing at the unyielding body of the man beside her as he fired.

He fired; the curtains shook and fell apart. And on the floor, protruding from them, appeared the upper body and face of Jasper Haig!

On the floor appeared the upper body and face of—Jasper Haig!

The new Adelaide Rutherford crouched for the moment, covering her white face with her bloodless hands. She heard the heavy footsteps of the man who had been with her pass across the room to the body upon the floor—the body with the white face and the same—still that obdurate smile of the unbelievably and wonderfully astute lawyer, the manager of the Gorgam Trust.

And as he stood up she knew with terror that he must be mad, for she saw that great brute take new-found joy from his dead prey and drop him to it.

"You!" he said, and added a hideous [illegible] "You again!" He was clearly now a thing entirely out of any semblance of self-control.

"You [illegible] keep power could you?" he said deliberately, and quite deliberately kicked him in that still obscene smile, for which so long the face of Jasper Haig had been famous.

Then suddenly he stopped and listened. And Mary Manchester listened with him. Outside the door, back in the hallway of the house, there was a low sound of a dog growling, and of whispering. The servants were there—beyond that fastened door, waiting, no doubt, wondering what to do—and as yet doing nothing.

And now in the change came over the speaker—his voice and manner hardening.

"Don't come in," he said calmly, addressing the closed door and holding his revolver at attention. "It'll be bad for you.

"Why bring them?" he asked, now reasoning with Mary Manchester. "Rank outsiders! Innocent! It's got us. You and me—and this," he said, nodding to Joseph Haig, "and the one that's coming. It's got us—it was certain to from the first—it planned to. You can't help that—you can't stop it," said the speaker. And now, his mind turning in a new direction, he started cursing the Gorgam Trust. The girl was surprised as she listened. He was addressing it, this legal fiction, like a living creature, a monstrous thing of flesh and blood which hated and pursued him.

"They make them," he cried, his wild imagination taking now a curious form, "they make them, to do what they want done. All the big dirty work of the world! Rotten-hearted—evil to the core. And you did this." He broke off in a gesture of scorn as he looked at the dead lawyer on the floor. "And in the end they get you—they get too strong. They get you finally, the way this one got you!"

Mary Manchester could see now quite certainly that the Trust, that immaterial thing, had grown more real and more terrible in the immaterial region where this wild imagination lived now than any actual breathing thing—a great enemy stalking him, which he feared and hated as nothing else.

"It gets us. It's moved us around," he asserted, "—you and me and all the rest, just where it wants to. First it's that," he said, in brief allusion to the figure on the floor again. "Next it will be him!" he exclaimed, and glanced with pleasure and expectation toward the door into the private entrance, facing which they now stood waiting. "Then it will be your turn—and then mine!

"But there's this one thing, too—you may not see," he went on, lowering his voice now to a more confidential pitch—as if the Gorgam Trust stood there behind them somewhere in the room. "When it's done—it's done, with us; when we go out, it goes out too!"

He spoke now in a voice touched by a kind of ecstasy—the voice of one who stands on a pinnacle of high emotions, of intense thought, with all the petty motives of life put behind him. And Mary Manchester, watching him, debated what she should do—could do. Could she, if she would, convey to those outside the cumbrous explanation of the one thing which must be done—how to prevent the entrance of this man she and the other watcher now expected? Could she do this before the man prevented her; and should she, if she could, draw them into this danger of almost certain death? But then a sudden light came into her eyes. She heard the louder growling of the angry dog behind the door into the hall.

In spite of her hurrying thoughts, the girl herself sat perfectly silent—still apparently unresisting, waiting for the execution of her plan, the thing she had definitely decided would be best for her to do now. Certainly, she reasoned, having brought this man here to help her, she and no one else was responsible—and should take the risk! The least that she now could do was to prevent his murder. She waited, listening—to the growing puzzled murmur outside the hallway door, the occasional protests of the dog, the sound of the heavy, even breathing of the man beside her. Then all at once the one particular sound that she waited for came. She heard the sound of some one moving behind the side door—the door of the personal entrance of old Daniel Gorgam to his study. At last, she knew, it was time for her to act.

There are certain advantages which women have, even in a time of violence. She was lighter, quicker-sensed, more responsive to her nervous impulses, one might say, than this great brute beside her. She heard first; she moved first; and when the key was turning in the lock of old Daniel Gorgam's private door, on the other side a girl with dishevelled hair and frightened voice was beating on the panels, and crying out in wild warning:

"Keep out—keep out—keep out! He will kill you! He will kill you! He will kill you!"

CHAPTER XII

Was it pure accident which at the last moment held back Stanford Gorgam from the appointment for which he had waited impatiently all day—a prisoner first of a broken crank-shaft in the infirm old taxicab he had summoned, and again of the law in the second cab which he had finally obtained and in which he waited, detained inexorably a mile away from his destination by the inflexible majesty of a traffic officer arrested by shrieking? He thought so certainly at the time. He thought so again, with sharp regret and apprehension, as he stood turning the key in the inside door of the passageway to his dead uncle's study.

The sound of a woman screaming warned, pounding upon the opposite side of a door as if in spite of its obstinate purpose not really calculated to stay for long its opening—especially with the sudden ceasing of the outcries immediately following the other most suggestive sound of a body thrown violently upon the floor. The door opened quickly, and through the entrance came Stanford Gorgam.

"Stand still!" said a voice which, though strained to an unnatural pitch, he still recognized.

He stood still—rigidly staring into the muzzle of the revolver in the hands of his old half-wrestler Hashrouck Rutherford. Behind the latter, at one side upon the floor, lay the body of the young woman she had come to meet—apparently unconscious.

"What is this? asked Stanford Gorgam sharply.

He had noticed with hope in certain unsteadiness in the weapon aimed at such close range at his own body. He caught, he thought, the condition of the man's mind and nerves. He was not a bad wrestler, and there are certain advantages, as he knew, before a physical struggle of any kind, in the catching and diverting of attention—the holding of eyes of your opponent. If the other man did not shoot at first, that was something!

"What is this?" demanded Stanford Gorgam—and waited.

"The end!" said Hashrouck Rutherford rather slowly. "The end of the Gorgam Trust. It will stop here—and everything that is in it—or that has touched it. It's committing suicide," he added jocularly, "tonight!

"Keep out!" he broke off to cry. "If you know what's good for you!" For now the servants—or whoever was in the hall—evidently had decided it was time to do something, to break in.

"Yes," said Stanford Gorgam, seconding him, "keep out." For he felt—by instinct as well as by reason—that he would have an long and a better chance to manipulate this thing if left alone.

"What is it you want," he asked the man whose eye he held. And he saw with growing satisfaction the hand holding the revolver now somewhat lowered—held for support more closely to the body of the other. "A little more?" he thought, as the other was discoursing.

"You!" replied Hashrouck Rutherford simply, with a gleam of high satisfaction in his eye. "You first! You thought you'd get it, didn't you? You thought by this move now you'd take over all the Gorgam money as residuary legatee? You won't. Not now—or ever!"

It was soon clear to Stanford Gorgam that it was not his old acquaintance's purpose to act before he talked—and at considerable length. He could see, he thought, that the pleasure to which this man looked forward in settling old scores by murdering him would lose a great part of its piquancy if he could not discuss it beforehand with the man he proposed finally to execute.

Rutherford did so, now—ventilating his soul, discussing at length his grievances of all kinds—first against Stanford Gorgam, and his uncle, and Jasper Haig; and then at still greater length against that immaterial thing, now grown more real than flesh and blood itself in his mind—the Gorgam Trust. It was a curious thing to watch and hear; he seemed both to hate the Trust and to be in terror of it, as a great, implacable, living enemy.

"Neither you nor I nor this thing on the floor," he said, again indicating Jasper Haig, "nor all the other men and women it has managed were a match for it. The thing," he explained, "is cunning. Cunning!" he repeated with an unpleasant smile. "As cunning as it is powerful! It's that—really fish paper devil that's to blame, that's brought us here together now, and is going to kill us.

"Did I think," he inquired, "when I came here that I'd kill Haig? Or this girl here? No. Not for a minute! You—for all time! It wasn't I that did this thing, or planned it. Nor Haig either. It's the thing—this inky and paper devil—that planned it all, and is doing it now. I can see that—anybody can but a fool.

"It's as simple as can be. I thought for years," he explained, "that I could fool it. This thing here," he said of Jasper Haig again, "thought so, too. Nothing doing! We did always what it planned for us to do—in the end—like now!

"Like now! I'm not doing this," he protested with a touch of self-pity in his voice, "not myself. Nor this thing here," he said, indicating Haig once more, "nor anybody in the world. This is the doing—the act of this thing that's got us all. It's big—it's cunning. It's got us all, ending us! It's always done exactly what it wanted. I've overheard it too, plotting and planning several times lately," he stated, "plotting, planning! Coming around, speaking to itself in my bedroom nights—when it thought I was asleep!

"But," he said, now rather boastingly speaking in the manner of a man who talks a great and terrible secret finally out loud, in spite of who or what may hear it, "there's something else in this now. It's had us, always. But now I've got it, too! When we're gone," he cried out boldly, "when this is all over—it will be gone itself! In fifteen seconds, now, the Gorgam Trust will be dead—dead as we are!"

Stanford Gorgam, standing rigidly like a soldier at attention, could see quite clearly that the end had come—whatever it was to be. The end of the lecture on his own shortcomings, the speaker's wrongs and the diabolical machinations of the Gorgam Trust was now at hand—in action. And still the uncertainty in the muzzle of the revolver which he had hoped and watched for had not yet appeared. There was nothing now but action!—

But at that time an unexpected happening intervened. Suddenly, without any indication of life, the body of the girl behind his opponent raised itself from the floor and staggered, uncertainly, but with a surprising rapidity, toward the hall door from behind which still came the whispers of people and the growling of the dog.

An acute change in the situation had been created by this act.

"Stop!" called Hashrouck Rutherford.

It was a confusing development to a mind not exactly in condition for quick decision—after twenty-four hours of persistent drinking. If he turned to fire at her, he exposed himself to the enemy in front.

"Stop!" he cried, but still the obstinate little fool of a girl went on toward the locked door regardless—to let in that crowd outside and the dog. She staggered but did not falter. It was necessary to do something. Hashrouck Rutherford fired one shot—missing. For before he turned, the other man was on him. He had only time to turn again and shoot him somewhere in the body when the door was opened and that crowd and that d—d dog was in! The situation was now entirely reversed.

It had been the intention of Hashrouck Rutherford at least to turn to finish up his work on the man now lying just before him on the floor. But this, he now saw, would be impossible.

Like a brown projectile the dog was on him. It was an ugly thing—vicious, wiry; it must have weighed seventy-five pounds. He fired and missed it. Fortunately, though, the brute itself missed its aim in a way. It caught instead of flesh the breadth of the coat upon his shoulder, too lightly to hold—and struck, confused for a second, against the wall.

He started to fire again at the beast, but before he really could recover himself to do so, the thing was up again. It tore at his extended hand, unfortunately, and he lost his weapon—it fell clattering on the floor.

There was nothing to do now but to escape from this thing, for that crowd on the other side of the room could never interfere in time to save him from it, probably—even if they tried to. The unmuzzled hand of Hashrouck Rutherford was on the knob of the outside door into old Daniel Gorgam's private passageway. He opened it with what quickness he could, managed to start through it. But unfortunately the dog came with him. The spring lock clicked behind; he found himself at the head of those long white stairs, that bare, empty spiral staircase, with nothing but one hand for defense—and that half-mad dog upon him. Caught like a rat with a weasel at the entrance of a stone rat-hole!

No wonder Hashrouck Rutherford cried out so hoarsely that they heard him through the thick door, with that great beast at his throat!

They found him when they came in, far down at the bottom of the shiny stairs, a great, loose bulk against the outside door—the dog standing over him.

"They're that way," said the English servant who had lifted him, commenting afterwards, "those dogs. I've seen them in the old country. They never touch a thing that's dead."

"He must have fallen backward when the beast jumped at him—from just near the top," said the other to whom he spoke, discussing the probabilities of what no man actually saw.

"What could you expect?" asked the other. "A heavy man like that—striking backward on his neck."

But whatever may have been the exact and unanticipated cause of Hashrouck Rutherford's own death, his prophecies concerning the extinction of the Gorgam Trust had not yet been fulfilled. In fact, a very singular situation had been created by his last act. The two chief active agents—the physical brain and body, so to speak, of that great legal personage had gone. But the Trust itself lived on. And it still held in its incorporeal grasp the young ward around whose person it had been constructed.

(Continued till Next Week.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that separate applications have been made to The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the provisions of the Public Service Law, by Norwich Township Electric Company and Sergeant Township Electric Company for Certificates of Public Convenience evidencing the Commission's requisite approval of the sale by each of the above named companies, of all their property, franchises, rights and privileges to the KEYSTONE POWER CORPORATION.

A public hearing upon these applications will be held in the Commission Building, 112 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the 20th. day of March, 1924, at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., when and where all persons in interest may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

JOHN G. WHITMORE,
Attorney for Applicants.

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J. W. HAINES
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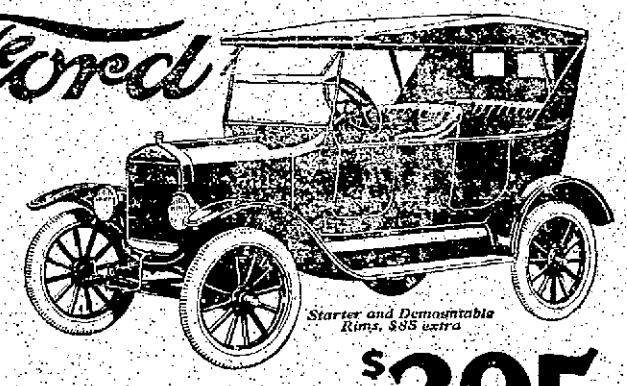

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COLEGROVE

Mrs. C. M. Benson and Son Burnell spent the week end in Olean.

The Misses Frances Hendrickson, Viola Blomster, and Grace Lindholm of Crosby were Colegrove visitors Sunday.

Many Colegrove people attended the Senior Class Play at Smethport last Wednesday night.

A. G. McAllister was a Smethport visitor Wednesday.

John Abbey and son Harry were Betula visitors Sunday.

Alulf Peterson who is working at home.

Tingal Johnson and family of Keyston were Colegrove visitors Sunday.

Many Colegrove people attended the Basket Ball game and dance at Cresby Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Anderson spent Sunday with the formers parents at Crosby.

Miss Rena Anderson spent the week at her home.

Col. F. H. Wilson was a Smethport visitor Saturday.

Mart Grinolds of Betula has accepted the position of engineer with the United Natural Gas Co., at the Norwich station, Colegrove.

Several Colegrove people attended church at Crosby Sunday evening.

HAZELHURST NEWS

Mr. J. H. Walker was a Bradford visitor Friday and Saturday.

Rev. C. M. Burnett was in Smethport Saturday.

Frank Stoddard and daughter and David Hendrickson of Crosby spent Sunday in town.

The glass factory at Mt. Jewett where a number of Hazelhurst men are employed has shut down for a few days setting blocks.

Miss Ruby Crossant was in Smethport Saturday.

District Supt. Platt of DuBois, Pa., conducted quarterly conference at the M. E. Church Sunday.

Joe Stoddard was in Smethport on Saturday.

Agnes Andreg was taken to the Kane Summit hospital Saturday where she was operated on for appendicitis. She is doing well at this time.

Harry Reinard of Kane spent a few days in town.

William DeGolyer and family of Mt. Jewett is visiting relatives in town.

Wallace Randall of Mt. Jewett is moving his family here and will take charge of his fathers farm.

Herbert Bills and Francis Fox of the State police located at Warren spent a few days with relatives in town.

Mrs. John Hipschen and Mrs. Samuel Cochran were shopping in Smethport Tuesday.

Bert Forner has gone to Machias N. Y. to spend a few days with relatives.

George Ordinway was in Olean N. Y. on Tuesday.

FARMERS VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. William Swort left Wednesday for their new home at Horse Head. Their many friend's best wishes go with them.

Mrs Mary Martin died Sunday after a long illness at Mrs. G. Boyers the body was sent to Chicago for burial.

Mrs. Wesley Reed was on our streets with his new Larkin case, come again Wesley.

Fred Hewitt was in town Saturday.

Our Sunday School is surely very interested in the contest as it has grown every day.

Mrs. Rose Briggs died at the home of Burt Davis Saturday at 11 o'clock after a long illness.

Mrs. Scowden and daughter Iola were in Smethport last week.

Mrs. K. Tyler and daughter Mrs. Monroe were Smethport visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Herzog went to Colegrove Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Herzog.

LARRABEE

Joseph O'Connor of Port Allegany was in town between trains, Friday.

Mrs. Vird Dennis was a guest of Mrs. Deo Dennis of Indian Creek, Friday.

Chas. Hakes of Franklinville, N. Y., spent Thursday and Friday with his brother Fred Hakes.

Miss Nila Carpenter spent Monday night with Mrs. Raymond Haszmann and returned to her school Tuesday morning.

Louis Coleman of Keating Summit spent the week end with his family here.

C. J. Carey was a Smethport visitor, Saturday.

Mrs. Katherine Freeman of Indian Creek was a guest of her mother, Sunday.

Quite a number from Sartwell and this place attended the meeting of the Farmers club held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Borden Brook, Thursday evening. A fine supper was served. Those who attended reported a very enjoyable time.

Vird Dennis was a business visitor in Portville, Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Gardner of Duffytown was a week end guest at the home of her son, Louis Coleman.

Frank Holcomb has resigned his position as mail carrier on route No. 4.

John Harris was in town Monday to secure signatures of cattle owners here for the bovine tuberculosis campaign.

Miss Josephine Haynes was a week end guest at the home of her grandfather, Geo. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hakes attended a party given Wednesday at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Roy Grigsby, of Eldred, in honor of the 80th birthday of their mother, Mrs. Ezra Hakes. A fine dinner was served. All of her children were present. Those from out-of-town were: E. E. Hakes and Chas. Hakes of Franklinville, N. Y., and Mrs. La Verne Pettis of Olean.

Wilmer Lawton and Lynn Carpenter of Pierce Brook spent the week end at their homes here.

Vird Dennis has resumed his duties as mail carrier on route No. 3, after a month's vacation.

Miss Florence Smith, who teaches the Sartwell school, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Smith.

CROSBY

Miss Pauline Manwaring of Olean, N. Y., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Manwaring.

Miss Margaret Evans spent Saturday the guest of her parents at Turtle Point.

Mrs. Augusta Walters spent Friday in Smethport the guest of Mrs. J. A. Cleveland.

Miss Corvine Kelgreen was a Smethport visitor Friday.

Mr. Awood Putnman of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting his family here.

Miss Kathleen Kelly and Mr. Clair Witters left Wednesday for Olean, N. Y., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. J. A. Ceveland and son Billy spent Sunday the guest of W. C. Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mulvihill and children spent Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dinges.

Quite a few people from here attended the play at Smethport, "Kicked Out of College," last Wednesday night.

Mr. Kenneth Dinges was a Smethport visitor Sunday.

Mr. Leon Matteson of Olean, N. Y., spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dilen.

Mrs. C. E. Dinges and Mrs. Lloyd Mulvihill and Mrs. Belle Putnam were Smethport visitors Monday.

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CRIMINAL COURT RIDS MANY CASES.

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Buffalo, from which the game bird today he began serving sentence.

Mrs. Mary Elwood of Hazelhurst, who was sentenced to the county jail last December for a liquor violation was paroled.

Attorney W. S. Bundy's petition asked the court for the supervisors of Foster township who ask to be permitted to levy a special tax of 10 mills for road purposes. The petition was granted.

On petition Ruth McConnell, of Kane for the appointment of a guardian to settle the estate of her father, the court named her brother, Howard McConnell, guardian.

A petition of Mr. McConnell to be permitted to sell some real estate [illegible]

[illegible] of Kane, petitioned [illegible] to sell some real [illegible] Lanigan at public sale. The petition was granted.

Attorney C. W. Shattuck filed his report of auditor in the estate of Thomas J. Young.

On petition of Ethel M. Jack, Attorney P. B. Wilson was appointed guardian of David Jack, minor.

On petition of the Borough Council of Lewis Run, Carrie Foster was appointed auditor for the borough to serve until the next election.

Attorney Francis M. Nash filed his report of auditor for the estate of Martha Elizabeth Wakefield.

A petition of the McKean County Trust Company of Bradford was granted, giving permission to distribute funds received by the veterans' Bureau for Anthony Cavanna, a feeble minded ex-soldier. The compensation granted is $2,259.88.

Louise Allen Watts, little daughter of James and Hattie Watts of Bradford, was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Florence of Bradford. The girl's mother consented to the adoption as she is unable to care for the child and the father is alleged to be an habitual drunkard who neglects his family and refuses to aid in supporting it.

Bernice Louise Patterson on petition of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Patterson of East Bradford, was adopted by them.

[illegible] sentenced last December for a violation of the liquor laws, released on parole which was [illegible] effective March 10, conditioned on payment of the fine and costs [illegible]

Charles Carella, better known as Russian Charley, of Mt. Jewett, who was sentenced for liquor violations last September, applied for parole which was granted effective March 15.

Alex Hoy of Kane, serving a sentence for a similar offense was also paroled effective March 15.

[illegible] Bradford was [illegible] [illegible] so anything [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]